

Public Safety Broadband Network Commission (PSBC) – Special Meeting
Department of Public Safety Headquarters, Conference Call
Minutes of Meeting
August 22, 2017

- Chair, Terry LaValley, called the meeting to order at 9:02 am with the following Commission members participating via conference call: Al Barber, Vermont Fire Chiefs; Frank Costantino, Agency of Digital Services; Thomas Hango, VSP; Chris Herrick, DPS; Doug Johnston, Vermont Police Chiefs; Ken Jones, ACCD; Ron Kumetz, Vermont Firefighters Association; Dan Manz, EMS Representative; Barbara Neale, E911; James Porter, Public Service; and Lisa Helme, DPS; Suellen Royea, DPS/CJS; and Karen Mae Smith, DPS.
- **Agenda Review & Approval: Doug Johnston made motion to accept the agenda. Ron Kumetz seconded motion. Motion approved.**
- **RFP Approval, Vermont Radio Access Network Alternative Plan:** It was noted that an RFP was drafted and distributed. Although there may be minor edits, the document distributed is close to what will be submitted for State processing. **Chris Herrick made a motion to accept the RFP. Dan Manz seconded the motion.** A couple of questions were asked about how to determine the submission date and the amount of time to allow for responses. It was noted that the intent is to expedite the RFP through the state system with a target deadline for responses of September 30, 2017. We are aiming to allow four (4) weeks for responses. An area of concern was raised regarding the security of Vermont specific communications (traffic) transported on the FirstNet system and the desire to have this information remain exclusive to Vermont and not shared throughout the entire federal system. It was noted that with the opt-out option, an alternative network must work with the national system. The details of core traffic would be worked out in a contract. Another question asked was about advertising the RFP. It was noted that the RFP will be made available through established purchasing channels and that no vendor would be treated differently than another vendor. No other discussion was held. **The motion unanimously passed to move the RFP forward.**
- **Next Commission Meeting:** Terry LaValley noted that the next regularly scheduled meeting is September 6, 2017, and suggested to delay it as we wait for the Governor's portal to open and new information to be received. A suggestion was made to hold a discussion about the recent Verizon development, our role with AT&T under the opt-in option, and how to obtain the best service possible. It was agreed this is an important discussion and a meeting will be scheduled later in September to allow for some answers to the new developments.
- **Adjournment:** Terry LaValley thanked everyone for their time. **Dan Manz made a motion to adjourn. Ron Kumetz seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:18 am.**